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The yard, assembly halls, warehouses, and every available space of Machine-Tool Factory No 4 are literally clogged with idle machines and machine parts, many of them new.

Several scores of machine tools are unfit for use because they lack motors and electrical parts. Many have been in this condition for a year or longer.

The Low-Voltage Appliance Factory and the "Elektrobudowa" Factory, both manufacturing motors, have delivered only 15 percent of all orders received.

The workers of Machine-Tool Factory No 4 tried to piece together make-shift appliances and obsolete and outworn machine tools. Amid the general confusion, it is difficult to distinguish which machine tools are new and which are old.

There is a gloomy atmosphere in the factory. Workers cannot understand why they have to speed up production when finished machines are not put to use. The workers of Machine Tool Factory No 4 could accomplish more if they had the necessary equipment and electrotechnical repair shops. The Low-Voltage Appliance Factory has the required facilities but is not willing to repair motors and electrical parts.

Many machines, some received as German reparations, are obsolete and below the present production standards and requirements. The management of Machine-Tool Factory No 4 reported this to the local committee of the Polish Workers' Party, to the Central Sales Office of Machine Tools, and to other agencies. They requested the removal of machines valued at approximately 30 million zlotys, but all appeals have been ignored by the Central Office for the Sale of Machinery, whose duty is to dispose of surplus material and convert it into cash.

The Central Administration of the Electrotechnical Industry has also been uncooperative in the disposal of surplus material. The "Elektrobudowa" Factory and the Low-Voltage Appliance Factory are meeting their quotas in terms of value and pay little attention to specific orders. Thus, Machine-Tool Factory No 1 has motors stored in warehouses, awaiting the delivery of new machines, while Factory No 4 has machines but no motors.

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Heretofore, each factory has placed its own orders, according to its own specifications, wherever delivery was obtainable. Now, at last, the Central Supply Office of the Metal Industry has begun to prepare a distribution plan for electric motors.

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